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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website by Friday, May 11.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

15 West Lenox Street

5511 Cedar Parkway

3 Newlands Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and

See the Enclosed Flyers & Articles

May 20 CYF sponsored Magician Show

Chevy Chase Village Neighborhood Preservation Initiative Public Meetings Schedule

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Annual Meeting Notes

The 93rd Chevy Chase Village Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 2007. This year the Village combined the New Resident Social with the Annual Meeting in an attempt to welcome new residents to the community and visit with new neighbors. It was also an opportunity to receive an update on activities within and around the Village.

Residents enjoyed a sumptuous table filled with hearty

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Workshop for Building Regulations

Nore Winter and Carl Williams from *Winter & Company* arrived on Monday, April 16, to begin the process of updating our Building Codes and Regulations by conducting a series of workshops. The workshops were open to all Village residents and were held on Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The low turn out of Village residents was disappointing, but those that did come were able to express their concerns to Mr. Winter and Mr. Williams. The overwhelming concern is the infestation of "mansionization" in the Chevy Chase area and the threat that it imposes on the Village, especially in Section 1A with its proximity to Wisconsin Avenue. Additional concerns were new construction, storm-water management, lot ratio versus house size, the height of outside walls comparable to the property line and the standards of upkeep for trees on private properties.

Mr. Winter will be returning to the Village on May 9 and 10 to complete the workshops. Please see insert for dates and times. We urge Village residents to attend these workshops to have a part in updating our Building Codes and Regulations.



Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
Telephone: 301-654-7300, Fax: 301-907-9721, E-mail: ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov, Website: www.ccvillage.org

In The Village

Board Actions - April 9, 2007 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: March 12, 2007 Meeting: Approved.

Appeals: **A-5205, 26 Oxford Street:** Demolish an existing shed located in the southeast corner of the property to accommodate a proposed garage—Approved. **A-5219, 3 Newlands Street:** Install a driveway apron in brick pavers a portion which will have a maximum width of twenty-two feet and four inches (22'-4") and length of thirty feet and six inches (30'-6") on private property in front of an existing two-car garage—Approved.

Old Business: EDAW-Connecticut Avenue Project Update; David Bennett, Senior Associate with the landscape architect firm *EDAW*, advised that he has been working with the Village and members of the Connecticut Avenue Design Committee to develop and review a comprehensive revitalization plan for the nine (9)-block stretch of Connecticut Avenue north of the Chevy Chase Circle. Mr. Bennett outlined the current design plans.

CTC-Communications Conduits Project-Principal Engineers David Randolph and Matt DeHaven, with *Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC)* presented a preliminary strategy plan on the installation of a fiber optic network system within the Village that would not adversely effect the Village's tree canopy.

New Business: There was no new business.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.

To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".



Chevy Chase Village 2007 Directory

Residents can now pick up their new 2007 Directory available in the Village office or in the Communications Center.

State Tax Credit Information

The Maryland Historical Trust has a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about rehabilitation tax credits offered by the state. Tax credit applications, materials and brochures can also be found at this site.

For additional information, call the Office of Preservation Services at (410) 514-7627 or access the "Tax Credit" section at: www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net.

Committee/Commission Report Highlights from the Annual Meeting

Building Facilities: Chair, Mary Anne Tuohey noted various events sponsored by the Commission over the past year and the addition of a new conference room. They continue to explore ways to improve the Village Hall and are seeking volunteers to help with the various activities that are much needed. Many of these activities are a one-time only request. Ms. Tuohey thanked everyone involved in making the Village Hall attractive and functional throughout the year.

Children, Youth & Families: Co-Chairs, Amy Cooper and Karen Spangler reported on events sponsored by their Committee including a weekly Toddler's Group, Movie Nights, volunteer events, a Magic Show, Parents' Night Out and a Babysitting Course. They also assisted in upgrading the 4th of July Parade. They thanked the parent volunteers who make this Commission possible.

Emergency Preparedness: Co-Chair, Oliver Davidson reported on the Village's on going Emergency Preparedness Project and the Committee's goals. He encouraged everyone, if they haven't already done so, to have an emergency preparedness kit.

Historic Preservation LAP: Chair, Thomas Bourke advised the Panel continues to review residents' applications to the Historic Preservation Commission to ensure proper administration.

Parks: Chair, Alice Kinter, gave special thanks to Mr. Biddle, Michael Younes, John Huffstetler, Jerry Lesesne and the Public Works crew for the job they do. Ms. Kinter advised of the new porch bench, trash cans/urn donated by a Village resident, the finished irrigation work at the Belmont Park, grants applied for to replace asphalt with grass at the end of Belmont Street.

Personnel: Chair, Charles Sherman outlined structural reorganizations along with the approval of a COLA increase for all employees.

Public Safety: Chair, Saul Goodman and Police Chief, Roy Gordon noted decreases in crime statistics and areas the police will address in the coming year.

Public Works: Mr. Biddle presented on behalf of Chair, Robert Wilson. Mr. Biddle highlighted the Commission's work on formalizing the Village's first long range Capital Improvement Program.

In The Village

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appetizers, dips and desserts. The bar included soft drinks, fruit juices, a special punch for the kids and wine for the adults.

Chair, Douglas Kamerow, called the meeting to order and presented his State of the Village report.

Nore Winter of *Winter & Company* was present to speak on his role in helping to define the Village's Building Regulations and answered questions from the audience.

The Board of Managers approved two resolutions: the first was the budget as presented and the other levying a tax on certain real and personal property under provisions of Section 6-203 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Committee Chairs provided updates on their respective activities during the past year.

Burt Schorr, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report and noted that there were four candidates running for four seats on the Board of Managers. Douglas Kamerow, David Winstead, Gail Feldman and Peter Yeo were deemed re-elected to the Board of Managers.

The Village wishes to extend special thanks to the Garden Club of Chevy Chase, and especially members Alice Kinter and Anne McCloskey, both of Hesketh Street, for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the evening. All flower arrangements came from properties and parks within the Village and were a wonderful addition to the meeting.



A New Arrival

Chevy Chase Village Manager of Administration, Shana Davis-Cook, delivered a healthy baby boy on Monday, April 9. Aidan Davis Cook weighed in at 6 pounds 14 ounces. Pictures are available at the Communications Center. Mother and child are doing great. Shana is on leave until mid-August and we look forward to her return. Residents and Staff extend congratulations to the family on their new bundle of joy.

Continuing Class Schedule

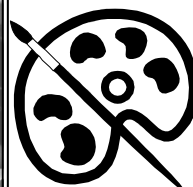
Children's classes include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet and Karate. Adult classes include Pilates in the AM/PM and Yoga. Residents are welcome to join at any time during the session. The current class session will end mid June. The next session will begin in September. Look for a flyer in August for the class schedule. If you have an idea for a class, please contact Doris Lyerly at doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov or for more information, call the Village office at (301) 654-7300.

Permit Requirements

With the steady approach of Spring, many residents may be planning to begin home improvement and landscaping projects. The Village office wants to remind our residents that many of these projects require Building Permits from the Village.

Answers to common questions can be found in our Village Code. Chapter 8 for Building Regulations and Chapter 17 for Urban Forest are available on our website, or you may contact the Village office.

Fourth Annual Art Show a Success



For weeks the Village Hall has been filled with wonderful artwork provided by Village residents and those of neighboring municipalities. The artwork will remain up until April 28 so please take a moment to stop by and enjoy it. Special thanks to Marie Martin, Marilyn Montgomery, Jay Treadwell and Sally Troyer for curating and organizing this much loved event.

The Village Hall

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families



Instructor Archana Trivedi, who teaches for Children's Hospital, taught a "Safe Sitter" Babysitting Safety Course was on April 22, 2007 in the Village Hall for teens 12yrs to 16yrs old. The following students successfully completed the course and received a certificate: Anna Pietrantonio, Cameron Sprenger, Emily Lesmes, Jane Lindahl, Alexandra Valahu, Elizabeth Farrell, Sam Cohen and Caroline Olsen.

Congratulations to all the students!

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11. All residents are invited to attend.

Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the June 2007 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, May 29.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its June 11, 2007 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 29.

Did You Know?

Do you have a new neighbor who just moved next door or across the street, but you don't have them in your 2007 Resident Directory? Are you at work and you need to call a neighbor, but your Directory is at home? Well visit the Village website where you can view the complete Resident Directory, which is updated monthly. Residents can also update their own Directory information directly on the website.

Contact the Village Communications Center for your Log-In ID and password today.

Licensing for Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to **prune** and **remove** trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application now requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permits will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

Toddler Group

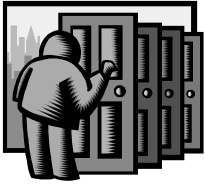
The Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Oliver Street Park whenever weather permits. Check the Village Listserve on Mondays to see where they will be meeting.

Contact either Kristen Best at (202) 460-1256 or Lesley McNamara at (301) 718-8383 with questions or for additional information.

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Solicitors and Vendors



Visits by solicitors and vendors has long been a matter of concern for our residents. This is due in part to the fact that many of these individuals claim to be with non-profit agencies even though, in many cases, this turns out to not be the case. In light of these concerns, the following information is provided to help residents understand how the Village Police Department handles solicitors, vendors and literature distributors.

To prevent scams and misrepresentations by solicitors, the Village instituted Chapter 19 of the Village Code which requires vendors, solicitors and literature distributors to obtain a license for such operations from the Village Police Department. This ordinance requires for-profit organizations to obtain a Montgomery County solicitor/vendor permit prior to obtaining the Village permit. Non-profit organizations are not required to obtain a County permit.

The Village does not have the resources available to verify the validity of organizations to which permits are issued; however, each individual who will be within the Village must submit identification.

When a for- or non-profit organization receives a Village permit, they are provided with the Village's "No Solicitors" list. This list contains the addresses (not names) of residents who have expressed a desire not to receive visits from vendors and solicitors. If an individual does solicit from an address on this list, they are subject to a citation and possible permit revocation. Approximately 50% of homes in the Village are on this list.

Another measure taken by the Village was to purchase "No Solicitors" decals for placement near the home's front entrance. These decals in addition to the "No Solicitors" list can be used to prevent visits from solicitors, even those that have obtained a permit from the Village.

There are limitations to the types of solicitation the Village can prevent. The police do not have the authority to restrict either solicitations or literature distribution by political and religious organizations.

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"No Solicitors" decals may be obtained from the Village Communications Center. If you would like your address added to the "No Solicitors" list, please complete the "No Solicitation Form" available under the Online Forms Center on the Village website (www.ccvillage.org).

As always if you have any questions regarding solicitor and vendor operations and enforcement within the Village, and/or if you witness or experience a suspicious individual or situation, contact the Village Communications Center immediately at (301) 654-7300.

Home Security Surveys



The Village Police Department offers free, confidential home security surveys. Even with an alarm system, these surveys can be a useful tool in identifying weak spots in your home's security, offering simple remedies that will make homes safer

and more secure.

Interested residents should contact the Village Communications Center at (301) 654-7300 to request a Home Security Survey. A police officer will call to arrange a convenient time for the survey.

Prevent Bike Thefts



Every year we experience a rash of bicycle thefts from garages that have been left opened or unlocked. As a courtesy, when Village Police spot an opened or partially opened garage door, the Communications Center contacts the homeowner and advises them to secure the door to help prevent theft.

How can you help?

- Register your bikes free with the Village Police.
- Use bike locks to secure your bikes in the garage.
- Report any suspicious activity immediately to the Village Police by calling (301) 654-7300.

Community News

Landscape Architect of the U.S. Capitol to Speak at Chevy Chase Historical Society

Community residents are invited to hear Matthew Evans, Landscape Architect of the U.S. Capitol, describe the influence of Frederick Law Olmsted and his sons on the development of suburbs like Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Considered the father of American landscape architecture, Olmsted urged a separation of business place and residence, a revolutionary idea at the turn of the 20th century. He envisioned suburbs connected to the city by commuter trains as relaxed country settings with winding streets and abundant tree canopy— a calm contrast to the rigors of noisy, densely populated cities.

Matthew Evans will tell how these Olmsted design principles influenced early suburbs like Riverside, Illinois and Chevy Chase.

Evans will speak on “Where We Live, Where We Work: The Olmsted Influence in America” at the Chevy Chase Historical Society’s Spring Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, in the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 8:00 p.m. The meeting is open to all.

For further information contact Marilyn Montgomery at (301) 656-2295.

2007 Spring Public Right-of-Way Tree Planting



Residents were recently sent a green flyer showing the sites and planned species for this year’s tree plantings as selected by the Village Tree Committee. This is your chance to check the plantings (or lack of plantings) in front of, beside or near your home and make any suggestions you may have. The Committee is happy to consider modifications to the list as suggested by Village residents. If you have any questions, comments and/or changes, please submit your request in writing to the Village office at (ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007 including your name, address and telephone number. A member of the Tree Committee or the Village office will contact you to discuss the matter.

Chevy Chase Historical Society

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is now located in the Chevy Chase Library at 8005 Connecticut Ave. The office is open on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. The telephone number is (301) 656-6141.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Dumpster use in the Village requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village’s public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available in the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free “No Solicitors” stickers are available for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is prohibited prior to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. weekends and holidays.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will **NOT** visit the Friendship Heights Village Center during the month of June.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

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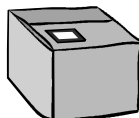
VILLAGE MANAGER

Geoffrey B. Biddle

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager April 2007

4000 Oliver St...Add bay window, bathroom, steps, portico
5802 Kirkside Dr.....Interior designs
4031 Oliver St.....Repairing flagstone walkway, gate
14 Oxford St...Remove existing patio/wall and relocating it
5500 Park..Reduce front stoop, add steps and new walkway
110 Summerfield Rd.....Install wrought iron hand railing
2 Newlands St...Install wrought iron railing, fence and steps

Cardboard Box Collection



Flattened boxes that are approximately less than the size of a 13" television set, should be placed with your paper recycling. Five or more flattened boxes should be bundled when left for recycling. Please notify the Communications Center if they are not collected.

If you have a large amount or large-sized boxes, please request a Special Pick Up (SPU, see opposite column) to ensure collection. Cardboard boxes collected by SPU, are placed in the paper compactor located in the Public Works Yard and are recycled.

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